



The Catholic Women's League of Canada
London Diocesan Council

To: All Parish Presidents,
CC: London Diocesan Council, Colleen Perry, OPC President
From: Theresa Ryan, President
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Directive # 1

My Mission: To be so busy loving my life that I have no time for hate, regret, worry, fret or fear.

We have just held our Annual Meeting of Members (AMM) online for both the year 2020 and 2021. What a wonderful learning curve that was. My one regret was that we could not open it to everyone to attend. You were well represented by your parish council delegates and by now I am sure they told you how wonderful Wednesday's voting for the election was.

We know how annoying it can be to get information on how to contact the new executive. We have decided to create email accounts for the position rather than the person. So next time there is a new executive the email does not have to change. For example, Rebecca Mc Carrell as president had set up presidentcwlondondiocese@gmail.com she passed that on to me. Her new email ppresloncwl@gmail.com

Unfortunately, after the election we had a resignation which means we have an opening in the executive for Communication Chairperson. We are also looking for someone to take over the position of Webmaster. We thank Loretta Ayotte for her superb service to us in the past. If you know someone who would like to take this on for us, please contact me.

I am sorry that the new executive has not been posted on our website but we have incurred some problems with the site itself and other things. Here is the list of the new executive, their positions and the email address that will go with their position (as explained above)

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We thank Fr. Greg Bonin for being our Spiritual Advisor for the past 5 years. He has done a tremendous job and will be missed.

We have been blessed with a new Spiritual Advisor, Fr. Paul Kim. He is currently assigned to Central Essex County Catholic Family of Parishes. I look forward to working with him in the future.

Because of the pandemic, events we usually host, will have to be put on hold again this year. The annual retreat at Our Lady of the Rosary Shrine will be postponed till July 2022. Our fall regional days which are usually planned and posted at our convention will be cancelled as well. I hope to host an online fall regional similar to what we did for the Lenten retreat. If there are any workshops or training you would like to see included on that day please email me your ideas.

We are defining the term of office for our Life Member Liaison. It will now follow the same as the executive and the new president will appoint her. We are blessed to have ten Life Members in our diocese. These women are an excellent resource. I have and will continue to call on them for advice and opinions. They, in accepting their position have promised to be available to help the CWL. I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Pat Rivest. I also would like to thank Lucy Hendrikx for her 5 years of service in that capacity. She has done an excellent job!

Julie Sans has been appointed as our first Administrative Assistant. She will be a wonderful asset to me. This position was formerly called Corresponding Secretary and it used to be an elected position.

Angela Pellerin has been appointed to be an experienced chairperson for planning purposes for the yearly convention. This is a three-year term to be evaluated yearly.

Mary Jean Horne will continue being the screening officer for my term of office.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Rebecca Mc Carrell for serving as president for the past three years. Her term has been extremely difficult and extended because of the pandemic. Her husband passed away shortly after taking on the presidency and she hasn't even had the proper time to grieve. She has been and will continue to be a wonderful resource for me by mentoring me continuously.

I embrace the position of being your president and I pray that I serve you well. I am learning and making mistakes all the time. Have patience with me! I haven't chosen a theme for my term but I would like to say I have two goals. Bring on more spirituality, and to have fun!

I would like to think I am very approachable so if you have any concerns please contact me. I'm not making any promises but I will try to help.

I would like you to start if you are not already doing so, to pray for all our members, their families and loved ones in the diocese. If we do this everyday it will soon become a habit. Many of us are in need of prayers, let us storm heaven!

While we are praying, let us not forget our priests and spiritual advisors. Many of them are going through a transition as we become family of parishes. Anything new comes with its challenges!

I look forward to the fall and **possible** re-opening to meeting in person. Until then, please follow the guidelines as set out by the diocese and your local health unit. Meet online only!

Our Lady of Good Counsel and Blessed St. Joseph pray for us.

Theresa Ryan

London Diocesan C.W.L. President

